



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Senior Policy Analyst
Office of Policy and Planning
Annual Salary Range: \$59,508 - \$107,100

About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The Department exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources.

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from fees for services, state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has a central office in Nashville and eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

About the Office of Policy and Planning

The Office of Policy and Planning conducts short and long term environmental policy research and analysis, implements strategic planning and process management initiatives and performs Title VI and Environmental Justice functions that are necessary to fulfill the Department's mission. The Policy Office works collaboratively within the Department and with other state Departments to implement strategic initiatives and identify innovative, cost effective opportunities for state government to enhance the quality of life for Tennessee citizens and the natural environment. The Policy Office also works to engage federal, state and local government agencies as well as non-governmental organizations and the academic and business community to exchange views on matters relevant to environmental policy.

Summary of Position

This Executive Service position is located in Nashville, TN. The selected candidate will work with the Office of Policy and Planning to conduct research on priority environmental issues to determine historical treatment of the issue, national or international trends and scientific data. This individual

will lead internal department working groups to conduct research and develop white papers or other work product, which summarizes and analyzes research findings and provides recommendations for the department or program area. This individual will also engage with state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and other departmental stakeholders for the purposes of developing and/or enhancing environmental policy. Major responsibilities include: support the strategic planning and implementation of policy initiatives for the Department and its program areas, provide policy analysis and recommendations to Department Leadership in regards to water policy and planning, and assist with the implementation of special projects.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct research on issues to determine historical treatment of the issue, determine state, regional, national or international trends, and technical data if applicable. The analyst will utilize the research to develop white papers (or other work products).
- Coordinating with department divisions to develop stakeholder outreach and communication and implementation plans for new environmental policies.
- Lead working groups to conduct research on the programs and processes of departmental peer organizations, scientific and technology related information and social and economic considerations.
- Develop and communicate recommendations for environmental policies to department leadership, particularly in the area of water policy.
- Work with the Policy Office team in establishing division specific goals and objectives that align the TDEC's overall mission and Customer Focused Government Goals.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability to function as an independent researcher, analyst and advocate for the Department, with minimal guidance in a highly demanding work environment and possess the following attributes:

- Results oriented individual with a commitment to the mission of the Department.
- Strong research and keen analytical skills which support tactical and strategic decision-making Functional abilities and technical knowledge and skills to do the job at a high level of accomplishment.
- Ability to write clearly and succinctly in a variety of communication settings and styles getting information across with the desired effect.
- Is future oriented; can create competitive and breakthrough strategies and plans anticipating future consequences and trends. Can facilitate effective brainstorming.
- Deals with concepts and complexity comfortably. Knowledgeable about how state government works; knows how to get things done both through formal channels and informal networks.
- Understands the origin and reasoning behind key policies, practices and procedures.
- Skilled working with executive level and senior level managers by crafting approaches likely to be seen as appropriate and positive. Competent at building trust and confidence of people in authority.

- Is dedicated to meet the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers. Establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect.
- Demonstrates high integrity and good judgment.

Education / Experience:

Applicants must possess a Bachelors' degree, as well as a graduate degree and at least 5 years of experience in one of the following areas: Doctor of Jurisprudence (current active Tennessee law license preferred); Environmental Law, Policy and Planning, or Economics. Other graduate level degrees will be considered that support the requirements of the position. Preference will be given to candidates with two or more years of water law and/or policy experience.

All interested candidates should submit via email (**TDEC.Careers@tn.gov**) resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Beth Smith. The position will remain posted until filled. Questions can be addressed to Beth Smith at (615) 253-5907 or TDEC.Careers@tn.gov.

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